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1. IN OUR VIEW NATO LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM WILL
INITIALLY CONSIST OF TEN COMPONENT PROGRAMS (E.G., LONG
TERM AIR DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTADP), LONG TERM CONSUMER
LOGISTICS PROGRAM, ETC.) EACH COMPONENT PROGRAM WILL HAVE
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A SUB PROGRAM FOR EACH MAJOR ACTION AREA (AREA OF MAJOR
EMPHASIS). SUB DIVISION OF SUB PROGRAMS COULD BE
DESIGNATED AS PROGRAM ELEMENTS. WE DO NOT INSIST ON THESE
TERMS BUT SEE A NEED FOR A STRUCTURAL HIERARCHY ALONG
THESE LINES. WITH REGARD TO COSTING FOR ANALYSIS, WE
BELIEVE THAT AS A MINIMUM, SPREAD SHEETS SHOULD BREAK OUT
COSTING BY SUB PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH IN SOME CASES PROGRAM

ELEMENTS MAY BE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY INDIVIDUAL COSTING.

2. NO FINE LINE OR SEMANTIC NUANCE IS INTENDED AMONG COMMON, COMMON NATO, FAMILIES, AND KEY FAMILIES OF WEAPONS. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO GET AS WIDE AGREEMENT AS POSSIBLE ON A MISSION-RELATED GROUP, OR FAMILY OF WEAPONS LIKELY TO LEAD TO INCREASED S/I. THE RATIONALE FOR SEEKING

AGREEMENT ON A FAMILY OF WEAPONS IS TO BROADEN THE BASE FOR COOPERATION, THEREBY IMPROVING PROSPECTS FOR MORE EFFICIENT STANDARDIZATION. THIS CONCEPT REDUCES THE PROBLEM OF TRYING TO ALLOCATE WORK SHARES FOR EACH AND EVERY PROJECT AMONG SEVERAL NATIONS.

3. IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD NOTE US FLEXIBILITY ON CANDIDATE FAMILIES OR CANDIDATE SYSTEMS FOR EACH FAMILY. AN EXAMPLE OF AIR-TO-SURFACE WEAPONS MIGHT INCLUDE, E.G., JP 233 (UK), IMPROVED MAVERICK(US), STREBO SUBMUNITIONS (FRG), AND ATLIS II LASER DESIGNATOR (FR). AN ANTIARMOR FAMILY MIGHT INCLUDE BOTH GUIDED AND UNGUIDED ANTITANK MISSILES OF VARIED RANGE. AN AIR DEFENSE FAMILY COULD INCLUDE A MIX OF DIVADS (AIR DEFENSE GUNS, SUCH AS GEPARD OR OTHER SYSTEM), MANPAD (SUCH AS STINGER), SHORADS (ROLAND), AND PATRIOT. AN AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE FAMILY COULD INCLUDE BOTH IR AND RADAR GUIDED WEAPONS
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SUITABLE FOR CLOSE IN AIR COMBAT MANEUVERING AND LOOK-DOWN-SHOOT DOWN MISSILES WITH EXTENDED RANGE.

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